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## **Roy Woman Seriously Injured When Her Vehicle Collides With Semi-Truck On SR 507 In Pierce County**

A Roy woman suffered serious injuries and Bonney Lake man sustained minor injuries in a head on collision involving a Honda Civic and Semi-Truck on SR 507 near 320<sup>th</sup> St. S in rural Pierce County. The roadway was blocked for over four hours with traffic detoured to alternate routes.

The July 31<sup>st</sup> incident occurred approximately 9:31 a.m. when the State Patrol began to receive reports of a head on collision on SR 507 near 320<sup>th</sup> St. S. According to witnesses, 30 year-old Shannon L. Butler of Roy was driving a 2002 Honda Civic southbound on SR 507 near 320<sup>th</sup> St. S when her vehicle left the roadway to the right, then drifted back onto the road and into the northbound lane when she struck, head on, a 2005 Freightliner driven by 39 year-old Steven M. Gural of Bonney Lake. The flatbed truck was carrying approximately 20 large size structural beams used for home building.

Butler sustained serious injuries and was transported to Madigan Army Medical Center at Ft. Lewis. Gural sustained minor injuries and was transported to a local hospital. Investigators do not believe drugs or alcohol were a factor in this collision. Troopers are still unsure why Butler drove off the roadway and into the oncoming lane. Butler may face a traffic citation for driving over the center line.

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